

H6373, H6376, H6376–77 and H6377. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CFTC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the CFTC. Testimony was heard from Walter L. Lukken, Acting Chairman, CFTC; and public witnesses.

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack. Testimony was heard from William R. Graham, Chair, Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

AIR FORCE AERIAL REFUELING TANKER REPLACEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC–(X) Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Daniel Gordon, Deputy General Counsel; and Michael Golden, Managing Associate General Counsel, Procurement Law Division; and John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense.

PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held an oversight and status hearing of POW–MIA activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RADM Donna L. Crisp, USN, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; and Charles A. Ray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE EARLY DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on H.R.

6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act. Testimony was heard from James Y. Kerr II, Commissioner, Utilities Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets.” Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT POLITICIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution. Karl Rove, former White House Deputy Chief of Staff, refused to appear to answer questions in accordance with his obligations under the subpoena served on him on May 22, 2008, based on claims of Executive Privilege.

The Chair ruled that those claims are not legally valid and that Mr. Rove is required pursuant to the subpoena to be present at this hearing and to answer questions or to assert privilege with respect to specific questions.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENTS; PRIVATE RELIEF MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children.

The Subcommittee also approved private relief measures.

GLOBAL BIRD POPULATION DECLINE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing entitled “Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations.” Testimony was heard from Paul R. Schmidt, Assistant Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David Erickson, Assistant Director, Department of Conservation, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of

2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 5263, Forest Landscape Restoration Act; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; and H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pastor, Rodriguez, Gary G. Miller of California, and Musgrave; Sally Collins, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; former Representative J. Alex McMillan III, of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN/MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Investing in the Future: Minority Opportunities and the TSP. Testimony was heard from Gregory T. Long, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; and public witnesses.

REDUCING CENSUS 2010 UNDERCOUNT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on 2010 Census: Using the Communication Campaign to Effectively Reduce the Undercount. Testimony was heard from Stephen H. Murdock, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COASTLINES' HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms: The Challenges on the Nation's Coastlines. Testimony was heard from Robert Magnien, Director, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Manager and Lead Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife Region Six Office, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES SPURRING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Role of Green Technologies in Spurring Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERAN INDEPENDENT LIVING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Independent Living. Testimony was heard from Ruth Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1527, amended, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; H.R. 6114, Simplifying and Updating National Standards to Encourage Testing of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus of 2008; H.R. 6122, Veterans Pain Care Act of 2008; H.R. 6366, Veterans Revenue Enhancement Act of 2008; H.R. 6439, Mental Health for Heroes' Families Act of 2008; and H.R. 6445, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled.

BRIEFING—IC HUMINT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on IC HUMINT. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

EXTREME WEATHER—GLOBAL WARMING EFFECTS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Global Warming Effects on Extreme Weather." Testimony was heard from Angela Licata, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis, New York City; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public pension plans, focusing on the need to strengthen retirement security and economic growth, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; William Pryor, Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association Board of Investments, Pasadena, California, on behalf of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems; Sherrill Neff, Quaker BioVentures, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Christian E. Weller, University of Massachusetts Boston, on behalf of the Center for American Progress.